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FOR: **SEAL SHAFT SHUTOFF DEVICE AND METHOD**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 33 pages comprised of 1 cover sheet, 24 pages of specification, 7 pages of claims, and 1 page of abstract
- ☒ Declaration & Power of Attorney
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- ☐ Certified copy of _____
- ☒ 8 sheets of drawings
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to _____, and the assignment recordation fee.
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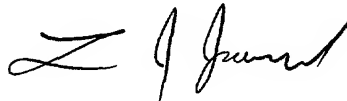
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